

LOCAL ENTERPRISE.

Marvelous Invention of One of Our Own Citizens.

Medley Automatic Reel the Wonder of the Angling World—How It Operates.

Hopkinsville is the home of an eminent inventor and the central point of distribution for one of the most remarkable and ingenious devices that ever gladdened the hearts of the sporting fraternity.

We refer to Dr. G. E. Medley and the now famous Medley automatic fishing reel.

It has taken Dr. Medley several years to bring his invention to its present degree of perfection. The first crude machine was to the inexperienced eye a triumph of mechanical genius. But the inventor was not satisfied. He would not allow it to be put upon the market. He was determined to overcome certain defects which had rendered all automatic rules unsatisfactory to the angling fraternity. To this end he devoted several more years to study and experiment. The result is the present combined automatic reel which is pronounced by all of Sir Isaac Walton's disciples the triumphant perfection of automatic devices.

Before it was offered to the angling fraternity it was sent to a number of the most expert and enthusiastic anglers in the country. They were skeptical at first, conscious of the failure of every experiment in this direction. A fair test, however, convinced them of the merits of the Hopkinsville man's invention and brought from them testimonials of the highest character.

Then Dr. Medley organized the "Medley Reel Co.," consisting of himself, Mr. C. M. Latham and Mr. Lucian Davis, of this city. They made arrangements to put the reel upon the market. The contract for manufacturing it was given to the Home Novelty Manufacturing Co., of St. Louis.

The invention was protected by patents in the U. S. Great Britain and Canada. Orders have poured in faster than the factory could turn out the article. Propositions offering large sums for the patents were rejected. The Medley Reel Company had a good thing and they knew it.

The Simmons Hardware Company saw the merits of the article. They bought the entire north west, including the following states:

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California.

Thos. J. Conroy, of New York, bought the rights for New York, Pennsylvania and the New England States.

Virginia and Maryland were bought by a Baltimore firm.

Following are a few of the features of superiority of the combined automatic Reel over all others:

First—With it an accurate and perfectly easy cast can be made, and it will wind automatically as rapidly or as slowly as desired.

Second—The crank attachment can be used independently of the automatic, and vice versa, or both together.

Third—It can be so set that without the intervention of the angler it will (using the lightest line) play a large fish and tire him out by giving him a sufficiently stout drag and by keeping up all slack line, as no fish can swim faster than this reel winds slack line.

Fourth—It is fastened to reel-seat of rod in the ordinary way, and will fit all reel-seats without altering handle.

Fifth—It will wind the line evenly on the spool, without guiding same with one hand, thereby enabling the angler to operate the reel (in landing a fish) with one hand.

Sixth—It is small, handsome and substantially constructed, dust-proof, and as nearly water-proof as a reel can be made.

DIRECTIONS FOR OPERATING. There are great advantages in operating this reel under the rod, both in bait and fly casting, as shown in cuts; also in winding the spring. However, it can be readily

operated on top of the rod. But in either case the reel must be so attached to rod that the drum will be to the right.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS. Hold the rod and reel-spool with the left hand and wind the spring by turning the drum toward you, at the same time pressing in the stop-pin, which is on the outer edge of the drum. This allows the spool to run freely for casting. To put the reel in automatic operation turn the drum slightly in the same direction without pressing in the stop-pin.

Dr. Medley and his associates in the manufacture of his invention have brought prospects of a big fortune and the KENTUCKIAN congratulates them.

HOW WE ONCE TOOK HAVANA

After a Terrible Siege American Soldiers Hauled Down the Spanish Flag From Morro Castle.

In 1762 soldiers from the American colonies which afterward became the United States captured Havana under English leadership, and men from Massachusetts hauled down the Spanish flag from Morro Castle.

The story is well worth recalling because it shows how bravely and successfully our ancestors fought against Spain, and also because it warns us against dragging out negotiations and preparations until the deadly rainy season sets in. The following is from Bancroft, vol. iii:

"Assembling the fleet and transports at Martinique and off St. Nicholas, Admiral Pococke sailed directed through the Bahama straits and on the 6th day of June came in sight of the low coast around Havana. The Spanish forces for the defense of the city were about 4,600; the English had 11,000 effective men and were recruited by nearly a thousand negroes from the Leeward Islands, and by 1,500 from Jamaica. Before the end of July the needed reinforcements arrived from New York and New England; among these was Putnam, the brave ranger of Connecticut, and numbers of men less happy, because never destined to revisit their homes.

"On July 13, after a siege of twenty-nine days, during which the Spaniards lost 1,000 men, and the brave Don Luis de Velasco was mortally wounded, the Morro Castle was taken by storm. On August 11 the governor of Havana capitulated, and the most important station in the West Indies fell into the hands of the English. At the same time nine ships of the line and four frigates were captured in the harbor. The booty of property belonging to the King of Spain was estimated at \$10,000,000.

"The siege was conducted in mid-summer, against a city which lies just within the tropics. The country around the Morro Castle is rocky; to find and carry the fascines was of itself a work of incredible labor, made possible only by aid of African slaves. Sufficient earth to hold the fascines firm was gathered with difficulty from crevices in the rocks. Once, after a drought of fourteen days, the grand battery took fire by the flames, and, crackling and spreading where water could not follow it nor earth stifle it, was wholly consumed.

"The climate spoiled a great part of the provisions. Wanting good water very many died in agonies from thirst. More fell victims to a putrid fever, of which the malignity left but three or four hours between robust health and death. Some wasted away with loathsome disease.

"Over the graves the carrion crows hovered and often scratched away the scanty earth which rather hid than buried the dead. Hundreds of carcasses floated on the ocean. And yet such was the enthusiasm of the English, such the resolute zeal of the sailors and soldiers, such the unity of action between the fleet and the army, that the vertical sun of June and July, the heavy rains of August, raging fever and strong and well-defended fortresses, all the obstacles of nature and art, were surmounted and the most decisive victory of the war was gained."—New York World.

Princess Molly Friar, daughter of Queen Sophia Friar, who died last January, will be crowned Queen of all the Gypsies, at Topeka, Kansas, May 22, her 19th birthday.

Mrs. C. C. Bell, wife of the well-known Springfield tobacco man, died a few days ago.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Georgia Rowland Enters Suit Against Her Husband for Divorce.

Important Orders by the County Court—Road Overseers Appointed—Real Estate.

The proceedings against the Cumberland Telephone Company, the Southern Express Company, the Hopkinsville Water Company and the Hopkinsville Water, Light and Power Company were dismissed by an order entered in the county court yesterday.

These corporations had been summoned to answer before the county court and show cause why they had failed to list their franchises with the county assessor for assessment and taxation. The matters having been satisfactorily adjusted the order dismissing the proceedings was entered.

Road Overseers.

Sim Knight was yesterday appointed by the court overseer for Cox Mill road from Chappell to Mason mill road. Elgin Davis was at the same time appointed overseer for the Greenville road from the Woodburn house to Red House.

Qualified as Guardian.

T. E. Foster was yesterday appointed guardian for Olie Adams, an infant under fourteen years of age. Mr. Foster qualified by executing bond with S. T. Ashmore and S. H. Williams as sureties.

Liquor License Renewed.

An order was entered granting a renewal of the retail liquor license of R. A. Phelps & Bro., of Seventh street.

New Deputy Clerk.

Cyrus Boyd was yesterday appointed by the Court a deputy clerk and an order to this effect was entered.

Appraisers Appointed.

On motion of Judge W. P. Winfree before the County Judge yesterday, T. T. Knight, L. R. Ray and P. B. Mosely were appointed to appraise the estate of the late G. W. Harry.

Wants a Divorce.

Georgia Rowland, colored, has filed suit in the Equity division of the Circuit Court against her husband, Elmo Rowland, praying for absolute divorce. Her petition charges the defendant with cruelty, infidelity, and failure to provide.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. D. Hill and wife to Mrs. Helen J. Hill, interest in property situated on 9th and Liberty streets, city of Hopkinsville, \$3,560.

South Kentucky Building & Loan Association, against George Owsley and others, house and lot in Hopkinsville, \$96.

George C. Long, trustee for Sue V. Wood to H. H. Golay, lot on Princeton road near Hopkinsville \$12.55.

Polk Cansler to W. T. Fowler, part of a house and lot near East boundary of city \$71.70.

W. L. Levy and Eustice A. Hail to Wesley Garnett lot in Pembroke \$60.

The City Tribunal.

John B. Wells and H. A. Warren, a couple of white men, were arrested by the police yesterday for violating the ordinance against peddling without license. The two men claim to represent W. H. Hunter & Co., a Nashville firm. They put up the necessary collateral for their appearance before Judge Leavell this morning and were released.

In the City Court Thursday morning Jas. O'Bryan was assessed \$5, and the usual costs for a plain drunk.

Betsy Cayce, a colored woman broke forth in an avalanche of profanity and obscenity which offended the modesty of her neighbors. For this she was fined \$5 and costs.

Death of Mrs. Harry.

Mrs. Harry, wife of the late G. W. Harry, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 76 years. Her husband and one of her sons have died within the last few weeks. Funeral services were held Wednesday by Rev. W. K. Piner, of the Methodist church. Interment at Hopewell.

EDISON ON WAR WITH SPAIN

Torpedo Boats and Yellow Jack Have No Show Against Science.

"I can produce a light," said Thomas A. Edison in his laboratory at West Orange yesterday, "that will render absolutely harmless Spain's terrible torpedo boat flotillas we read so much about. Science has found a way to destroy the mines Spain has planted in the harbors of Cuba. More important still, science tells us how we can march our armies from one end of Cuba to the other this summer, and in the rainy season, too, and lose hardly a man from the dreaded malarial and yellow fevers."

As to certain published statements to the effect that Mr. Edison had invented electrical apparatus that will work all kinds of destruction in case of war, he said:

"All such statements are imaginative. No such things are needed, nor does science do its work through any such methods. Science does its work in legitimate and straightforward ways, and it stands ready to-day to afford the United States army and navy just what it needs.

"As to the light that renders absolutely harmless these terrible torpedo boat flotillas? Well, the torpedo boat is a demon of darkness only. It is an enemy that creeps upon its foe in the night. In the day time it is as useless as the eye of an owl. In the daytime it can be seen and blown to pieces before it gets near enough to do any damage.

"In order that an object may be observed distinctly the light must be behind it. It must appear in silhouette. Ignite a bonfire behind a tree, for instance, and you can see its outline distinctly.

"By the use of chemicals which ignite and produce a light when brought in contact with water, the ocean can be lighted up for about four square miles about any of our vessels. This is an ample distance to render a torpedo useless, for the moment the latter appears within the horizon of the little span of day; thus made she becomes easily visible, and within two minutes she can be riddled by the modern rapid fire guns.

"The chemical I suggest can be thrown out from the ship or fleet it is to protect from guns of peculiar construction. It is all very simple and not so expensive as might be imagined."

The wizard was asked to elaborate on his idea of protecting the health of the army of occupation in Cuba.

"Science can do a great deal for that army," he replied. "I am willing to lay a wager that I can take 100 men into Cuba and spend the summer in the worst districts of the island and not lose a man, no, not one. And the same thing can be done for the army."

Mr. Edison said that he had no plans for the destruction of the mines in the harbors of Cuba. He would leave that to the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and the dynamite cruiser Nichtheroy, which, it has been reported, the United States is to buy from Brazil. How these little vessels can make a harbor safe by literally blasting a way for our warships has been told in the Press. Besides, the army engineers are well up in countermining. Mr. Edison thought he could not help the army and navy a great deal in the mine question because Spain has no boats like the Vesuvius and the Nichtheroy.

Mr. Edison said he had no doubt that electricity would play an important part in the war, and he pointed out that the Spaniards have little or no inventive genius. In this particular he said the Americans would have a great advantage.

All in all, Mr. Edison isn't worried a little bit about the outcome of a war with Spain.

An Old Bachelor Weds.

Princeton, Ky., April 28.—A surprise wedding occurred here last night. Mr. Joe F. Griffith, the photographer, and Miss Lucy Watkins, who has been for several years associated with Mr. Griffith in business and art studies, were united in marriage, to the great surprise of their friends. Mr. Griffith was formerly in business in Hopkinsville, but has lived here for fifteen years.

Millie Martin, col., aged 55 years, died in Hubbardsville Monday night of consumption.



Latest War News
FRANKEL'S

Bombardment Sale
Will Only Last
THREE DAYS
FRIDAY,
SATURDAY AND
MONDAY.

A Cotton Flurry.

Always worth one hundred cents on the dollar. Going to give you a cotton surprise for the next few days. It's an article you're using every day, and never comes amiss. Don't think you ever before bought good, reliable shirtings and sheetings at such low prices. Here's the lots:

- Hope Bleach Domestic.....5c
- Ready-made and hemmed bleached sheets 10 1.....55c
- Ready-made pillow cases sizes 42 36.....10c
- Bolsters ready-made.....19c
- Masonville bleach.....61-2c
- Back fold outing cloth, 32 inches wide.....5c
- 10 4 bleach sheeting.....16 1-2c
- Ready made 10 4 unbleached sheets.....49c
- Berkley yard wide cambrics.....81-3c

Our \$1 Kid Gloves.

The best dollar glove that money can buy. That's putting it strong; but we're very earnest in this kid glove matter. Our \$1.00 gloves are backed up in every way. Bound-to-please - you sort of gloves, or your money back. Poor economy to ask you to keep anything you don't want; think too much of your patronage for that.

Special.
3 SPOOLS
CLARK'S O. N. T.
10 CENTS.

Dress Goods Section.

Not often do you enjoy the satisfaction of making your selections from such a complete up-to-date stock. Here's a half dozen items, they speak with no uncertain sound. Listen:

- 19c A yard for 36 inch all Wool Novelty Suitings. Worth 25c.
- 25c A yard for 36 inch all Wool Serge, Black and colors. Worth 35c.
- 29c A yard for all Wool 40 inch Henriettas, Black and colors. Worth 40c.
- 25c A yard for Black Figured, Novelty 40 inches wide. Worth 35c.
- 25c A yard for all Wool Filling Figured Grenadines. Worth 50c.
- 75c A yard for Black Figured Brilliantives. Worth \$1.00.
- \$1.15 A yard for Black Figured Novelty Brilliantives. Worth \$1.35.

Little-Priced Linens.

Always a fascination about linens for the thrifty housewife. There's a double fascination when, as in this case, prices are so much beneath values. Witness:

- 54 inch Half Bleach Linen.....25c
- 62 inch Bleached Damask.....50c
- 62 inch Extra Half Bleached.....63c
- 65 inch Extra Fine Bleached.....85c
- 72 inch Super Fine Bleached 1.33c
- (Napkins to match at equal low prices.)
- Towels**
- 23x48 German Huck Hemmed Towels.....25c
- 22x39 German Huck Hemmed.....19c
- 22x44 Fancy Border Knot Fringe.....25c
- 18x42 Fancy Bleach Turkish.....10c
- 25x48 Fancy Bleach Turkish.....22c
- Wash Rags per. dozen.....19c

Strong Wash Goods Argument.

Going to do some selling in this line in the next four days come early. French Organde Checks worth.....18c

Newest Summer Fabric worth.....12 1/2c

French Organdies Raye worth.....25c

The Latest designed Organdies worth.....19c

Organdy Deaphave worth.....15c

Shadow Effect Organdy.....12 1/2c

Time was when the buying of a silk dress or waist, was an event; now-a-days it is merely an incident. Price and the wonderful progressiveness of this great nineteenth century makes it possible for these queenly fabrics to come within the reach of all. Here's four lots at prices that will agreeably surprise you:

- 19 inch Chime silks, solid colors.....25c
- 21 inch Moire Velour Silks, colors Black, Helotrope, White, Lemon, Pearl and Green. Worth \$1.25.
- 22 inch Satins, all new shade, Worth 75c.....50c
- 19 inch Iridescent Taffeta Silks, all the new and desirable shades, worth one dollar a yard.....79c

Remember These Prices Are For
3 DAYS ONLY.